

A Farmers' Department
In each week's issue of the LEDGER
will be found a
Special Feature,
And an interesting one,
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St. Jacobs
CURES PERMANENTLY
Rheumatism
Sciatica
Back Aches
Joint Aches
NEURALGIA
IT HAS NO EQUAL.
IT IS THE BEST.

Mexico will have a bigger fair than ever this year.
CENTRALIA wants a Fair Association and a mile track.
Eld. MARTIN is preaching to full houses in Canton, Mo.
J. T. WILLIAMS is about through taking the census of Mexico and our population is about 5,500.
The F. & L. Union of Callaway is going to have the fee books of the county officers examined by a committee of five.
DALTON, of Ralls, is after the corporations with a sharp stick and appears to know just where to "jab" his weapon to bring blood.
Geo. B. WINDLING will lecture in Mexico for the benefit of the Hardin College chapel. He should be greeted with standing room only.
LADDONIA is a live town and can always be found in the front of the procession. Thirteen new subscribers to the weekly LEDGER are enrolled from that post-office this week.
Geo. ROBERTSON, of Mexico, has been appointed one of the trial attorneys for the Chicago & Alton Railroad and will have charge of the road's litigation this part of Missouri.
SENATOR MAJOR wants the question of holding a State constitutional convention to revise the constitution, submitted to the voters at the next election. The last convention was held in 1875.
THERE is talk among some of Mexico's physicians in regard to forming a protective association against dead beats. The deserving poor will be waited upon, but those who can and want pay will be black-listed.
On July 1, 1884, the municipal indebtedness of Kansas amounted to \$15,851,929.20. On July 1, 1885, it was \$17,779,299.42. On July 1, 1886, it had increased to \$31,107,066.80. On July 1, 1890, it had reached the sum of \$36,491,660.
PARTIES who are handling lottery tickets in this city should remember that anyone who mails a letter ordering a lottery ticket, or sends a postal relating to a lottery, is liable to imprisonment for 10 months, or a fine of \$500, or both.
L. P. CROGER leaves for St. Louis this week to attend law school. "Leb" is an ambitious young man and there is no reason why he should not make a successful lawyer. He will locate in Mexico when he gets through school.
CALE GUTHRIE has been appointed Assistant Clerk of the State Senate. Cale is a genial gentleman, an uncompromising Democrat, a fine penman and just the man for such a position. The LEDGER knows he will fill the place satisfactorily to the Senate and with credit to himself.
W. A. MORRIS, the new President of the First National Bank of Mexico, vice Judge Macfarlane resigned, is a representative of the young and progressive blood of Mexico. Joseph Coons, one of our most conservative business men, was elected vice-President and Joseph Boyd, a leading farmer and stock raiser, was placed on the board of directors.
T. F. RODEN has many friends in the Fourth Ward who want him to be a candidate for re-election. He has served the city faithfully and well. E. T. Smith says he is a candidate for Councilman in that ward and quite a number of taxpayers in the Ward have been after B. C. Johnson to run. City politics will be lively this spring all along the line.
It is said that the pettiness of the Harrison family is shown in the refusal to invite to receptions at the White House those newspaper correspondents at the Capital who have ventured to criticize the present Administration. We are not surprised at this exhibition of conceit and bad manners on the part of the President. It probably occurs to him that it is only the press that he holds and not himself in person that is of consequence in the matter.

MEXICO WEEKLY LEDGER.

R. M. WHITE, Editor and Proprietor.]
To Our Pride in the Past and Our Hope for the Future, Let Us Add Vigorous Work in the Living Present.
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THEN AND NOW.
Mexico Thirty-Five Years Ago—
Then a Village, Now a City—
Country Produce a Circulating Medium.
The other day John M. Daniel went into James Pasqueth's shop and said:
"Jim, I see in the LEDGER that you will take wheat for goods. I want a saddle."
"B'r'r Pasqueth caught on at once. He saw an old paper in John's hand and the twinkle in his eye.
"Yes, John," said Mr. Pasqueth, "I did take wheat or anything else I could get for saddles when that paper was printed. It takes cash to get saddles now."
The paper that contained Mr. Pasqueth's advertisement was the Mexico LEDGER of Saturday, September 8, 1855, and belongs to Mr. Daniel, who prizes it highly as a relic. Pasqueth's shop was then on the southwest corner of the Square and he advertised to take in exchange for saddles, harness, etc., linsey, tow-linen, dry hides and wheat.
The weekly LEDGER was then owned by the late Jno. B. Williams, who afterward went to Fulton and established the Telegraph. M. Y. Duncan was the associate editor of the LEDGER. The paper was a six-column folio, was neatly printed and was neutral in politics. The terms were \$1.00 per year, in advance. A line under the heading said it was "Devoted to literature, science, agriculture, education, amusements, markets, etc." On Saturday, September 8, 1855, the LEDGER was nine weeks old. In looking over this old sheet we see and recognize the names of many persons yet living in Mexico and vicinity, some of whom are still in business here.
We make extracts from a few of the many items the paper contained, which may be a little stale now, but will prove quite interesting to the older class of citizens.
Chas. A. Muldrow sold six acres of land adjoining town to W. K. C. Potts for \$576.46.
Mrs. Jno. P. Beatty presented the editor with a beet 19 inches long. Editors still have beets presented to them.
Gentry & McKamey, of Monroe county, sold to R. W. Sinclair 60 head of three year old mules at \$115 per head. Joseph H. Fox also sold Mr. Sinclair 34 head at \$120. Mr. Sinclair was one of the biggest stock dealers in Missouri then.
Octave and Paul Abat, Frenchmen and brothers, were then in business in Mexico. They were quite wealthy men. Octave went to Kentucky and bought 20 head of two year old heifers at \$1,600 for the lot; three cows at \$400 and one suckling calf at \$150. Must have been Jerseys. Seven head of blooded horses were also bought and brought to Audrain by Mr. Abat.
Irem—John M. Gordon, Esq., of Columbia, a young lawyer of fine promise, is making arrangements to locate in this place for the purpose of practicing his profession.
The North Missouri railroad—now the Wabash—was then being graded. The estimated cost was \$28,000 a mile, or \$5,811,776 for building and equipping the road from St. Louis to Macon City.
There was a State Fair held at Booneville, in October, 1855. Paris, Fulton and Bowling Green also held fairs.
Allison & Crockett run a hack line from Mexico to Danville.
The Mansion House at Louisiana was advertised. Mitchell & Gladney were the proprietors.
Although the LEDGER was but a strippling then, it set forth the advantages of Audrain county in the item that follows. The LEDGER has never ceased to talk for its town and county and never will.
AUDRAIN COUNTY.—To persons looking out for homes, we would ask them to examine the rich and beautiful prairies of Audrain county before purchasing elsewhere. For stock raising purposes this county has no equal in the State. Try it.
Prof. Wm. P. Hurt had just come to Mexico from Christian College, Columbia, and established the "Prairie Institute," a school for male and female, located on the spot where Hardin College now stands. The old frame building still stands on Hardin College campus. Many people who will read this received their rudimentary education in this house. M. Y. Duncan was Prof. Hurt's assistant in this school.
Wm. Cornforth operated a "fulling" mill three miles west of Mexico. Price for fulling jeans, 15 cts. per yard.
The year 1855 was a good crop year. Col. B. McCormick, of Ralls county, had a wheat crop that yielded fifty-nine bushels to the acre.
Audrain was not a prohibition county then. We see where County Court employed Messrs. Clark and Potts to extend the "bar" of the Court House and make other improvements.
There was a circus in town on

Monday, September 3, 1855, and the LEDGER said about 1500 people were in attendance.
Here is the only humor that is in the paper: "The lady whose sleep was broken has had it mended." We presume it was original.
Dr. R. E. Kiernan had just located in Mexico for the practice of his profession.
The present proprietor of the LEDGER would like to know if the person is living who wrote the poetry, the first line of which reads, "Beautiful are the flowers, and beautiful are the woods," signed "Lula." If so, and this meets his or her eye, we would be pleased to know the author's whereabouts.
M. Y. Duncan, the junior editor, must have written this: "A pair of sweet lips, a pink waist, swelling chest, a pressure of two delicate hands, will do as much to unhinge a man as three fevers, the measles, a large sized whooping cough, a pair of lock jaws, several hydrophobias and the doctor's bill."
W. L. French offered for sale 180 acres of good land, 10 miles southeast of Mexico. His references were Isaac C. French, Dr. French or P. French.
Mortimer Melhany was then a young attorney with an office at Allison's hotel. Allison's hotel was where Hisey's livery stable now is.
Franklin Pierce, of Massachusetts, was president of the United States and Sterling Price was Governor of Missouri. Hon. Gilchrist Porter was Congressman from this—then the Second Congressional—district. Peter Carr was State Senator from this Senatorial district. J. R. Crosswhite was Auditor of Missouri. C. C. Ricketts was County School Commissioner; John A. Pearson, Richard Phillips and A. Hicks were County Court Justices; John P. Clark was Circuit Clerk; John B. Morris, County Clerk; Wm. H. H. Dix was Sheriff; Joel Haynes, Assessor; J. P. Jackson, Surveyor; Geo. W. Cardwell, County Treasurer, and John Haley, Coroner.
Caleb Williams offered a saw mill one mile east of town for sale. In his advertisement he said C. P. Wade and Jacob Coons had a lien on it and the mill must be sold to satisfy the debt.
James N. Rodman published a notice, warning all persons from buying a note for \$54.20 held by John W. Ricketts, one of the firm of Rodman & Ricketts. Rodman stated he did not owe the note and had taken legal defense against it.
Enoch Hooton offered for sale 280 acres of land on the Paris road, adjoining the farm of Durrett M. Hill, for \$5 per acre. This land is now worth \$40 and \$50.
D. A. Murray, 5 miles southeast of Mexico, sold 300 acres of land to Wm. Harrison, of Christian County, Ky., at \$8.33 per acre.
John H. Wayne, 7 miles southwest of Mexico, sold 60 acres to Richard Johnson for \$10 per acre.
The following business houses were advertised:
A. & G. W. Powell sold fresh meat Tuesdays and Saturdays.
P. H. Estes, Doolin & Douglas and Ward & Tinsler kept blacksmith shops.
Wm. T. Wilson was a brick and stone mason.
Dr. Edward Rackliff advertised that he could be found at his home 5 miles northwest of town.
J. Garrett and A. A. Sparks were hardware dealers.
John Q. Pool kept the "Railroad Store" and furnished his customers with shoes, cotton goods, groceries, boots, shoes, cotton yarn, etc.
J. & T. W. Gant kept a general store. Deer skins, beeswax, feathers, etc., were taken in exchange for goods.
McConnell & Steele run a general store and sold drugs in connection.
A. & C. Cauthorn were proprietors of a dry goods and clothing store. The firm that kept ready-made clothing in those days was looked up to with reverential awe by all classes of citizens.
T. M. Northcut & Co. were the largest advertisers. This firm sold dry goods, furniture, groceries, boots, shoes, etc. Wm. D. H. Hunter was in the drug business; J. W. Reed also kept a drug store; N. M. Robinson had 50,000 brick for sale; Samuel A. Craddock and C. C. Ricketts advertised as lawyers; J. F. & H. C. Howell had just opened a "Cabinet Ware Room," a little east of the public square; Ladew & Peers were proprietors of the St. Louis Type Foundry—Ladew is still with the St. Louis Type Foundry and Steve Ladew, his son, was a year or two ago pitcher for the Mexico baseball club; Jno. P. Clark had the laws of Missouri for 1855 for distribution among the different officers of the county; R. W. Bourn, a graduate of the Jefferson Medical College at Philadelphia, had just located in Mexico; Jno. P. Clark wanted to sell for F. L. Smith a tract of land 4 miles north on the Paris road; Columbus Minter advertised that James B. Dil had borrowed a horse from him to ride to Fulton and asked for any information concerning the whereabouts of Mr. Dil; Thos. S. Miller and

Geo. W. Poague were commission merchants at Hannibal; the "Railroad Store" announced that it had just received a barrel of Wilmington tar; a number of legal publications were printed.
Dr. R. W. Bourn had a two column article in, explaining he was satisfied Dr. L. N. Hunter was not the author of *Squibs*. Just what *Squibs* was we are not informed. Dr. Bourn's article is quite caustic and would be considered at this day a little personal. The Doctor was young and vigorous then; his friends think it would exert him somewhat now to write such a lengthy article. But we do not believe this. We dare say the Doctor looks as young now as he did then. He told some of his friends to-day that his father wrote the article.
The following items are taken from the paper:
At last dates, Land Warrants were worth in Washington \$1.10 to \$1.12 per acre.
Ex-President Fillmore was introduced to the Emperor Napoleon on the 15th, by Mr. Mason.
President Shannon, of the State University, was in St. Louis a few days since on his way to Cincinnati.
MULLEN.—Mr. S. W. Davis of this place sold 20 head of 2 year old on Thursday last to Steel & Bishop at \$80 per head.
The democrats will have in the lower house of the Congress about 60 members, and the Whigs and Know Nothings 71.
DANDY.—The best saddle-horse in State has recently been sold for \$350. He is again the property of Mr. O. Abat of this place.
There are now employed on the North Missouri Railroad in St. Charles county, 600 laborers, 50 stone cutters and masons, and 200 teams.
FINE STOCK.—Messrs. Level and Harrison, of Kentucky, who have recently purchased farms in this vicinity, intend stocking their farms from the best herds in that State.
HUNG.—The German, who was convicted for murdering a young lady in Montgomery county, some four years ago, was hung in Danville, on 31st ult., before about fifteen hundred persons.
A Grammatical Enigma.
I am composed of nine letters.
My 25, 16, 5, 15, is an adverb.
My 1, 2, 23, is an adjective.
My 14, 15, 9, is an article.
My 10, 4, 25, 9, is a noun.
My 17, is a pronoun.
My 25, 1, 2, 24, is an adjective.
My 4, 11, 11, is an adverb.
My 14, 15, 9, is a noun.
My 25, 9, 12, is an adverb.
My whole is an institution of God.
OMELT, Mo. A. C. E.
A "Golden" Rule for Advertisers.
"Said a gentleman, the managing man of a concern, 'the only rule I have for determining whether or not a paper is a desirable one for our house to use as an advertising medium is to ascertain if the paper, upon examination, has interest for me as a reader. I go through its columns carefully and consider what is being presented from month to month to its subscribers and readers, and then attempt to conceive of the kind of people who are likely to take the paper in order to obtain such information or such reading matter.' 'I believe,' he continued, 'that this rule enables me to weed out many papers which have only a free circulation and some of those also which do not employ editors; or which do not make any real attempt to take high rank as periodicals. When I find a paper that I think I could afford to pay for as a subscriber on account of the matter it contains, I am impressed with the idea that it circulates among a class that I can afford to pay for to reach with my advertisement.'"
Foxes around Salt River Church are eating up many young pigs. Several farmers have tried to catch the pests but it seems the dogs are not fast enough.

THE FARMER'S IN LINE.
Lyman at Work on a Measure to Assess Mortgages for Taxation.
JEFFERSON CITY, Jan. 14.—Representative Lyman, of Jackson county, is at work upon a bill which Patrick will introduce that will be fought as savagely as any bill that will be introduced this session. The bill will provide that in assessing the value of property for taxation the amount of any mortgage against the property shall be deducted from its assessed valuation, and that the mortgage be taxed at the same ratio as the property. It will also provide that when the holder of the mortgage fails to pay the taxes the owner of the property may pay the full tax and that the amount paid on the taxes will apply on the mortgage, and that the fact that the property owner has paid the mortgage tax will prevent foreclosure. This will place a very heavy taxation upon mortgage companies and other holders of mortgages, who have always escaped taxation because the mortgages were in the names of non-residents of the state. The farmers are much in favor of the bill, and it looks as if it would pass.
Respecting a Mother's Request.
The poet Scott, Jack Crawford, rode into Deadwood one night during the Black Hills excitement, and the boys bore him on their backs to the nearest saloon. There was nothing in the camp too good for Jack. He must take a drink. He declined, entreated and begged to be excused. They would not have it that way. He had to drink.
In that emergency he ordered whiskey straight. Filling the glass to the brim he held it aloft and said:
"Boys, I love you and I know you feel a big regard for me. You say I must drink. I will obey. But first I want to tell you a story. My mother had cause to feel the evil results of drinking. When she was on her deathbed I knelt beside her, imploring her to kiss upon her trembling lips. While fondly stroking my hair she said to me:
"John, I have only one request to make. Will you grant it?"
"Anything, anything, mother," I replied. "What is it?"
"Swear to me that you will never drink intoxicating liquor."
"Clasping her hand with one of mine and raising the other toward heaven I took the oath and she passed away with a smile upon her lips, the most glorious smile that I have ever seen."
Still holding aloft the glass he continued: "Now, boys, you say I must drink, and if you insist upon it I will."
Just then there was a loud report of a pistol shot and the glass was shattered into a million pieces while the voice of a miner rang out sharp and clear:
"I'll be damned if you do."
In Memoriam.
At a meeting of the Audrain County Medical Society last Saturday night the following resolutions of respect to the late Dr. W. V. Walker were adopted:
WHEREAS, God has called from the busy activities of this life to the unseen realm beyond, an honored and beloved member of this society, Dr. W. V. Walker; therefore, be it
Resolved, That we hereby express our high appreciation of him as a man and a citizen, and deplore his untimely death, realizing that the medical profession has sustained a great loss in the death of one gifted with a high sense of honor and manly worth.
Resolved, That as a member of the Audrain County Medical Society, he was faithful and true, and labored at all times to promote its highest interests, ever ready to make any needed sacrifice.
Resolved, That we tender our profound sympathy to the grief-stricken wife and children, of whom he was so dearly loved, and commend them to God as their highest and safest trust.
Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the records of this society, and a copy be engrossed and presented to his family, and also the city papers for publication.
R. W. BERRY, M. E. CRAWFORD, T. P. RUTWELL, Committee.
Richly But Sparingly Attired.
Editor—"Here, Scribbler, revise this report."
Scribbler—"How, sir?"
Editor—"You say that Miss Porkupine, the Chicago heiress, were nothing but diamonds, at the opera, last evening."
Scribbler—"Yes, sir."
Editor—"May be true; but put something more on her."
In 1820 Missouri was the twenty-third state in rank. In 1830 she moved up two notches and became the twenty-first. In 1840 she jumped to the sixteenth; in 1850 to the thirteenth; in 1860 to the eighth; and in 1870 to the fifth—a position she has held ever since and still occupies. Grand old Missouri.

THE FARMER'S ALLIANCE.
The Farmers' Alliance is the product of indignation and despair—indignation at the merciless exactions of the agricultural interests by the Republican party and despair that the other great National party would ever be able to obtain the supremacy and right the wrongs perpetrated by its powerful adversary.
That this indignation was originally well founded is beyond question. It is doubtful if the all-important industry of agriculture was ever subjected in any country, except perhaps in feudal France just before the Revolution, to so many crushing burdens as the Republican party heaped upon it in this country.
It is also beyond question that the despair of the Democratic party ever coming into power was also originally well founded. Those who organized the Alliance saw nothing between them and eternal spoliation but the unaided strength of the farmer.
Since this vista was presented times have altered. The policy of the Republican party has been changed only to intensify it, and the indignation which was originally justified by that policy has now more justification than ever. The relief that party pretends to give is merely illusory; the burden has in reality been grievously augmented, and the hypocrisy which seeks to sugar over the superadded wrong is a fresh motive for new detestation.
But on the other side of the picture there has been a genuine and decided change. There is no room now for despair as to Democratic supremacy and the permanence of that supremacy. The Republican party has had its day and must go. The exigency which called it into existence is long over. The great party of the future in this country is the Democratic party, and no oppressed popular interest ever looked to that party in vain.
EAST END NEWS.
Correspondence of the Ledger.
EAST END, Jan. 16.—We had a wedding in this neighborhood last week, Mr. Clark and Miss Summers. The marriage took place at Mr. Frank Ives's.
Mrs. Bettie Coe, of Lake City, Ill., is visiting her home folks, Mr. Cressap Parker and family.
Charles Hanlet is all smiles—it is a girl.
Mr. Geo. Drumheller visited Hartford Saturday.
Thomas Cox, well known in Mexico, is in this neighborhood pruning orchards.
Debate at Whiteside school house Tuesday night of each week. The next subject is the Force bill.
C. A. Gilbert and wife were visiting on the Vandalia prairie last week.
"Not Bro. Bob." The new Methodist Church, west of Walkersville, will be dedicated next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock by Rev. Robert White—Shelbina Torchlight.
For some time it has been going the rounds of the press that brother Bob, of the Mexico LEDGER, would take to the pulpit. Surely this looks like it; but not until we see his photograph, showing feet and face, as well as name, will we believe it.—Payette Democrat.
Good Move.
From the Louisiana Press.
The City Council of Mexico proposed to pass an ordinance forbidding the erection of wooden awnings and cross signs. This is a good movement and ought to spread. People wooden get so cross if they didn't buck up against the sign posts and have the little drops of water trickle down their backs from the awning roofs.
Rob Rysdyk.
From the Rural World.
The writer is under obligations to President Botts, of the local Fair Association, for a drive to the Fair grounds to see Hon. C. F. Clark's horse, Robert Rysdyk. Robert is in fine form for the coming season's work, and his local and State reputation as a sire will give him all he can attend to.
There is a movement on foot at Springfield, Illinois, looking to the establishment of a stud book for saddle horses and the secretary of the association at that place is in correspondence with horsemen of this city asking their views of the matter. This is the right kind of a movement and we hope the matter will not be overlooked by the horsemen of this county.
Poor Man.
A Pike county man posted up this remarkable sign: "For sale—A Jersey cow to some man who will have a calf this fall at a bargain."—Ralls County Record.
Pike county is always to the front on "signs and wonders."
In February the legislative committee of the Farmers' National Alliance will meet in Washington. Representatives of thirty-five States will come together. They will then take definite action on the third party movement.
Missouri paid \$20,507,656.20 for school purposes last year. No wonder she gave 64,000 majority against the Harrison-Reed-Quay-McKinley combination.

A FREE SILVER VICTORY.
Fifteen Republicans Vote for a Straightout Free Coinage Bill, Introduced by Mr. Vest as a Substitute, and not a Democratic Vote Against It.
WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—During the ten minute speeches on the financial bill in the Senate yesterday several additional amendments were introduced, but they were all withdrawn before the voting began. When the discussion closed the Senate proceeded to vote on Mr. Stewart's amendment, providing for the free coinage of silver, and the amendment was agreed to—yeas 42, nays 30.
A PURELY FREE COINAGE BILL ADOPTED.
Then Mr. Vest astonished the Senate by bringing forward as a substitute for the bill a purely free coinage bill, which provides that the unit value in the United States shall be the dollar, to be coined of 412.2 grains of standard silver, or 25.8 grains of standard gold. Mr. Vest stated that his substitute was similar to the free coinage bill that passed the Senate last session.
Mr. Aldrich moved to amend the substitute by adding thereto the national banking feature of the original bill—lost, yeas 33; nays, 34.
Mr. Vest's substitute was agreed to without division. The bill as amended by the substitute was agreed to—yeas, 33; nays, 27.
LIVE LADDONIA.
The A. O. U. W. Lodge of that Place Flourishing—A Pleasant Entertainment.
The Laddonia A. O. U. W. Lodge gave a public entertainment and supper last Wednesday night, which was a most enjoyable affair. The hall was crowded with members of the order, their families and friends. The address of the evening was made by J. G. Trimble, of Mexico, who made an hour's talk, which was both entertaining and instructive. It was as complete an explanation of the objects of the order as ever listened to. The order at Laddonia, officered as follows: A. F. Brown, P. M. W.; R. W. Pearson, M. W.; B. E. McNamara, Recorder; J. C. DeLaporte, Financier; F. H. Self, Receiver; T. W. Harris, Overseer; M. K. Gass, Foreman; J. T. Young, Guide; J. J. M. Smith, I. W.; J. J. Summers, O. W. The supper, which was presided over by wives and daughters of members, was a most sumptuous affair and promptly served. Laddonia knows how to entertain visitors and always does everything in that line up well. We were glad to find the business men of the place in the best of spirits and rejoicing over the outlook for the largest spring trade in the history of the town. Laddonia is surrounded by the most prosperous farming community we know of anywhere.
BYRNS DEAD.
He Dies Thinking His Wife Alive and Likely to Recover.
Fielden Byrns, who cut his wife's throat a few days since, and then partially cut his own, died at 10 a. m. Thursday and was buried at 3 p. m. in the Brown graveyard. He was kept in ignorance of his wife's death and died hoping she would recover. This case is one of the most terrible tragedies which ever come under our notice. The Byrns family is one of the largest, oldest and most respected in the county and has the sympathy of the entire community, in this their darkest hour of trouble.
Mrs. Wm. Cressay, who lived west of Mexico, died Thursday of inflammatory rheumatism. She had been sick for five weeks. She leaves a husband and two children, both boys. Her remains were interred at Hopewell Church Friday.
Lakeman & Barnes sold to D. B. Barton, of Pulaski county, lots 7 and 8 in block 5, Lakeman & Barnes' College Addition for \$180. Mr. Barton has already broke ground for a nice two story dwelling.
Paris is excited over the appearance of a three-legged chicken on its streets the other day and the Mercury rises up in indignation and asks the question, "What are we coming to, anyhow?"
Uncle Jess, Gilliland, of Laddonia, says he is the oldest native Missourian in the county. He was born in Lincoln county on Nov. 17, 1819, and says he don't feel as though he was over 50 years old.
James Watts and wife will likely be reunited. Gossip was the cause of their separation and as there is no cause for any trouble we trust, as sensible people, they will again live together with their children.
The treasury surplus, after being reduced to \$5,000,000, is again on the increase, having reached nearly \$18,000,000, and there will be some more fine picking.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER
Absolutely Pure.
A cream of tartar baking powder Highest of all in leavening strength. U. S. Government Report, Aug. 17, 1889.
AN AIR-SHIP BY RAIL.
The First One to Go to Chicago By Express To-Day For Exhibition.
MOUNT CARMEL, ILL., Jan. 16.—The air-ship is not a theory, but a fact. The first ship was built under difficulties. The inventor had trouble here with one John Sheltenberger, and has had to do the work in his house. Pennington commenced operations on the Standard ground and had only the post holes dug when Sheltenberger, who is associated with him in the Standard Company, compelled him to stop work. Sheltenberger has also caused several newspapers to get into trouble through writing Pennington up. But to-day Pennington is on top.
The first ship is 30 feet in length and is made for James A. Fanning of Chicago, who will exhibit it in the Exposition building in Chicago. Fanning pays \$100,000 for it. The buoyancy chamber is made of silk and aluminum. The car, rudder, propeller, etc., are made of aluminum. The weight of the entire ship is 100 pounds. The storage batteries are under the car. It will be taken by express to Chicago, and will leave here to-morrow morning. Work on the large ship, which is being manufactured in different places, is nearing completion, and would have been done and a trial trip made before this had not Sheltenberger refused to allow Pennington to build on Standard ground, but a building has been secured and the big ship will probably fly in a short time.
The small ship is a success. It weighs 100 pounds, and will lift 165 pounds.
A. C. Barnes is the proud and happy father of a ten pound boy.
James W. Watts and Lucy W. Watts, his wife, have separated.
The wise merchant advertises during this portion of the year and cleans out his winter stock at bed-rock prices.
Mrs. Hewitt, of Mexico, is clerk of a committee in the Missouri Legislature.
C. Y. Porter is home from Colorado and thinks there is no place like Audrain.
The earnings of the Missouri penitentiary for the month of December was \$15,555.57.
J. R. Luckie Friday bought a dressed turkey from A. G. Mason which weighed 25 pounds.
At its session Friday night the Lower House of Congress passed sixty private pension bills.
The Little church, west of Mexico, which was burned not long since, is to be rebuilt at once.
J. J. Gill to-day bought the base ball park for \$800, and will erect an elegant residence in the spring.
Geo. Harlow traded his farm near Molino to Logan Mundy for a farm near Naylor and gave \$1,000 to boot.
Holly Witherspoon, who has been visiting friends in this city, left Thursday for his home in Lawrenceburg, Ky.
Judge M. C. Flynt says one of his neighbors is scraping out his pond. How is that for the middle of January weather?
FRANK BICKLEY, a son of John Bickley, and a bright young man, is learning the banking business under Geo. Marshall in the Southern Bank.
Fitz simmons, the Australian, knocked Dempsey, the champion, out in New Orleans on Wednesday in 13 rounds. Dempsey could not stand up to the racket at all.
J. R. Campbell, of Avilla, and E. T. McCune, of Red Oak, Mo., both in Jasper county, have been the guests of R. T. Freeman this week. They want to buy some fine jacks.
Judge S. E. Kendall left here Saturday with two cars of mules for Benton, Miss. The Judge will back in Mississippi sunshine about two weeks, before returning.—Laddonia Herald.
Thirteen of Mexico's sweetest young ladies will present the opera, "The Dress Rehearsal," at the Opera House in Fulton, Jan. 30, 1891. They should be greeted with a large audience.
Mrs. Doty, of Kansas City, is visiting her parents in this city.

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THE ICE CROP.
Plenty of Time Yet to Begin the Harvest.
Although not a pound of ice has yet been stored by any of the local ice dealers, no alarm is felt over the situation. The ice companies are all ready to go to work at a few hours' notice, and in two weeks enough could be gotten to furnish an ample supply for the season. The ice men will wait until February 1 before going north for a supply. As they would have to go to northern Iowa and Minnesota this of course would mean higher prices. This has been the case for the last two years. Last year the price was from three-quarters to 1 cent a pound. The prices would not necessarily have to be as high this year, however, even if the ice does come from a long distance. The facilities for handling and hauling and the freight rates influence the prices. Ice dealers all hope for a good crop near home, as it means cheaper ice and a larger business. Ice gathered in the immediate neighborhood can be sold for one-half a cent a pound or less. The Mexico ice men will ship in ice this winter instead of waiting until summer.
Any man can take a newspaper. It is the cheapest thing he can buy. Every time a hen clucks and has laid an egg his paper is paid for that week. It costs less than a postage stamp—less than to send or receive a single letter. What good does it do you? It instructs you and broadens your views. It interests your family, you and your wife, and educates your children. It comes to you every week, rain or shine, calm or storm, bringing you the news of the busy world. No matter what happens it enters your doorway week as a welcome friend, full of sunshine, cheer or interest. It opens the door of the great world and puts you face to face with its people and its great events. It shortens the long summer days and enlivens the long winter nights. It is your adviser, your gossip and your friend. No man is just to his children who does not give them the local paper to read. No man is good to himself and his family who does not take the local paper.—Ex.

Card From Green Clay.
From the Mexico Intelligencer.
MEXICO, Mo., Jan. 16.—I am glad to see you open your columns for a discussion of the rock road law so as to get a mature consideration of the question. As far as I am concerned individually I cannot receive any benefit of the law, since the city, in order to take in some seven taxpayers, has incorporated in its limits a wide stretch of farming land and placed me eternally in the mud, as there is no hope of getting any improvement of the Fulton road under the city government. It seems, instead of making the town attractive for residence, educational and trade purposes, to be the intent to surround its portals with the "muddy venture of decay," in striking contrast with the intelligent management and progressive spirit of one of the finest counties of the State. I think, however, the law in question may be of general benefit, but will follow in my legislative duties the will of my constituents.
G. CLAY.

District Circuit.
The following are the dates fixed for the annual fall fairs of the Missouri District Fair Circuit:
Hannibal, third week in July.
Louisiana, fourth week in July.
Mexico, first week in August.
Moberly, second week in August.
Sedalia, third week in August.
Higginsville, fourth week in August.
Brunswick, first week in September.
Paris, second week in September.
Ex-Gov. Oglesby received the caucus nomination for United States Senator by the Republicans in Illinois, much to the surprise of everybody. The "Big Three" say they will not support him. As to the race between "Uncle Dick" and Palmer it is said they will run about an even race. The prospects are brighter than ever for the Democrats.
No indeed.
From the Louisiana Press.
No Democratic Legislature in Missouri will ever start a printing office in the penitentiary.—Mexico LEDGER.
No, you bet your shooting stick! And if it does the next Legislature will have a smaller Democratic majority than this one.
A farmer in Holt county has twenty-six living children, none of whom are married, all of whom are at home. There are eleven pairs of twins in the family. There is no mortgage on the farm, for the reason, presumably, that the owner has such a good home market for his products.—Kansas City Star.

Rev. Jesse Called.
From the Columbia Herald.
The Baptist Church has not yet secured a preacher for the coming year. Brother Jesse, of Mexico, has been called to take charge of the work, but at this writing (Tuesday) we have not heard whether he will accept or decline.



YOUR MONEY, OR YOUR LIFE!
This question is a "port" one, but we mean it. Will you sacrifice a few paltry dollars, and save your life? or will you allow your blood to become tainted, your system run-down, until, finally, you are laid away in the grave? Better be time and "hold up" your hands for Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, a guaranteed remedy for all scrofulous and other blood-taints from whatever cause arising. It cures all Skin and Scalp Diseases, Ulcers, Sores, Swellings and kindred ailments. It is powerful, thereby dispelling all those languid, "dread feelings" experienced by the debilitated. Especially has it manifested its potency in curing Tetters, Salt-rheum, Eczema, Erysipelas, Boils, Carbuncles, Sores Eyes, Goitre, or Throat Neck, and Enlarged Glands. World's Dispensary Medical Association, Makers, No. 963 Main Street, Buffalo, N. Y.